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THIS IS A PROJECT NEWLIFE DEAG SITREP NR 3

1. GENERAL. CAMP CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. THERE ARE NO
SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS. THE PUBLIC INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR INFORMING
THE REFUGEES IS BECOMING MORE EFFECTIVE. INS IS GEARING UP FOR A
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE RATE OF PROCESSING.

2. HEALTH AND SANITATION. THE GENERAL HEALTH STATUS OF EVACUEES
CONTINUES TO BE GOOD WITHOUT SERIOUS PROBLEMS OR INCREASES IN COM-
MUNICABLE DISEASES. THIS IS CONFIRMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, GOVGUAM, WHICH BASES ITS ESTIMATES ON
REPORTS FROM THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND CLINICS IN THE CIVILIAN
COMMUNITY. IMMUNIZATIONS WITH POLIO, MEASLES AND RUBELLA VACCINES OF
CHILDREN AGES ONE THROUGH FIVE BEGAN YESTERDAY, 30 APRIL. SINCE THAT
TIME, 650 CHILDREN READY FOR DEPARTURE HAVE BEEN INOCULATED AT ANDER-
SEN AIR FORCE BASE. TODAY, 1 MAY, TEAMS OF ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND
USPHS PERSONNEL BEGAN IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN AGE ONE THROUGH FIVE
IN THE OROTE POINT AND ASAN CAMPS. THE VACCINES ALSO WILL BE ADMINI-
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STERED TO NEWLY ARRIVING CHILDREN UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT GUAM.

3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS. MOBILE INFORMATION TEAMS ARE BEING FORMED, AND
PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS ARE BEING ERECTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AT
OROTE POINT. TEAMS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK ON THE PUBLIC

ADDRESS SYSTEM. THE VIETNAMESE/ENGLISH NEWSPAPER POSSIBLY WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW. COMNAV MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAS OFFERED SPACE FOR SOME USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO STAFF THE PAPER AT HEADQUARTERS.

4. STATE/AID. PERSONNEL CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE INS TEAMS AND THE CAMP COMMANDERS. USAID STAFFERS WERE PARTICULARLY BUSY AT ASAN, WHERE A PILOT "LOCATOR PROJECT" IS TO BE STARTED TOMORROW THAT WILL PROVIDE A SKILLS CATALOGUE AND ALSO PINPOINT THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF FAMILY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE CAMP. AID PUBLIC HEALTH PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN CATALOGING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE MEDICAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED FIELDS. THIS LISTING WILL BE OF USE TO PROCESSORS IN THE CONUS CAMPS. IN ADDITION, THE LIST IS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO GUAM AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE INDICATED THAT MEDICAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND DENTAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE QUALIFIED WOULD BE INVITED TO REMAIN ON GUAM, AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS.

5. GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUAM. THUS FAR NO SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS ON GUAM HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNOR'S STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR OPERATION NEWLIFE AND THE BASIC HOSPITALITY OF GUAMANIAN. LOCAL LEGISLATORS BLOCKED APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR GOV GUAM PARTICIPATION UNTIL ASSURANCE WAS OBTAINED OF COMPLETE REIMBURSEMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. BY THE TIME SUCH ASSURANCE WAS OBTAINED, THE NEED FOR SUCH EMERGENCY FUNDS HAD DISAPPEARED. SEVERAL LOGISLATORS, FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL/ CULTURAL REASONS, HAVE VOICED OPPOSITION TO LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES REMAINING ON GUAM AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS. MANY IN THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY NOW ARE STARTING TO VOICE GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF REFUGEES, UNCLEARED BY INS, BEING KEPT ON GUAM INDEFINITELY. GUAMANIAN ARE PROUD AMERICAN CITIZENS AND MANY FEEL THEY ARE BEING TREATED AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS WHEN REFUGEES ARE UNABLE TO ENTER CONUS BUT CAN BE QUOTE DUMPED UNQUOTE ON GUAM. HOWEVER, THE CIVILIAN COMMUNITY IN GENERAL IS QUITE PLEASED WITH THE MILITARY HANDLING OF REFUGEES.

6. INS. CLEARING OF EVACUEES COMMENCED AT 0800 TODAY, WITH FIVE SITES IN OPERATION. BY 1700, THREE SITES HAD BEEN CLEARED, WITH 2940 EVACUEES READY FOR TRANSPORT. CLEARING CONTINUES AT ASAN POINT AND OROTE TENT CITY. EXPANDED CLEARING FACILITIES AT OROTE ARE ANTICIPATED AND WILL BE READY FOR OPERATION BY 0800, 2 MAY 75. INS UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECTS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN CLEARING EVACUEES, ESTIMATING THE INCREASE ON 2 MAY TO BE 500 TO 1000 OVER THE FIGURE FOR 1 MAY.

7. ICEM. ICEM HAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS INDICATIONS FROM 111 INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY PLAN TO GO TO CANADA. 16 OTHERS INDICATED THEY PLAN TO GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CANADA. THE ICEM REPRESENTATIVE, MR. CHRISTENSEN, HAS RECEIVED WORK THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED 1806 VISA LETTERS TO VIETNAMESE FAMILIES FORMERLY LOCATED IN VIETNAM. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THIS COVERED A TOTAL OF 10,000 PEOPLE. MR. CHRISTENSEN HAS BEEN ASKED BY ICEM TO LOCATE PERSONS IN THE CAMPS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RECIPIENTS OF THESE VISA LETTERS AND PROCESS THEM FOR MOVEMENT TO CANADA.

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